

## **Meeting Minutes (Final)**

### **Frederick County Sustainability Commission**

**Wednesday June 16, 2010**

**3:00 pm**

**Third Floor Meeting Room, Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church Street, Frederick, MD**

**Present:** Don Briggs, Lisa Gaver, Margie Lance, Rich Maranto, Winifred Palmer, Sally Fulmer, Fred Ugast, Janice Wiles, Steve Chafitz,. Staff: Hilari Varnadore, Lisa Orr

Excused Absences – Annmarie Creamer, Will Morrow, Mark Lancaster and Kim Roberts

#### **1. Call to Order and Welcome**

Chairman Don Briggs called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

#### **2. Administrative Items**

The Commission members thanked Sally for her service and noted a certificate of appreciation was in the mail.

#### **3. Commission Member Comments**

It was noted the chairman's term does not expire in June, it is September.

#### **4. Guest Speaker M. Richard Adams, President and CEO, Frederick County Chamber of Commerce**

Ric Adams reported that the Chamber represents 800 businesses and 32,000 employees. In 2012 the Chamber will celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> year. The business card exchanges have from 150-250 people participants and the luncheon meetings have also been very successful. There was a discussion of ideas and projects proposed by the Chamber and the Commission. Ric noted the bottom line for local businesses is saving and being environmentally friendly. If it helps the value of business, the Chamber is interested.

#### **5. Public Comments**

Caroline Eader stated Frederick City is behind in using sustainability as a mechanism for business attraction. Help is needed in working with business recycling. Compostables need to be out of the landfill. Julia Kubit stated runoff is killing the bay and composting is nature's way. Rev. Samuel Williams noted collaboration needs to be made with the EPA through churches. A moral check on scientific endeavors needs to be made.

#### **6. Bylaws, Article V. Officers and Duties**

This item was moved to the July agenda.

## **7. Request from Frederick News Post for Support of Sustainable Living quarterly publication**

There was discussion among Commission members concerning focus groups, information from the Commission in the publication, advertisers. Fred made a motion to agree to sign the letter of intent. Steve seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **8. Recommendation to the BOCC, Fulmer Vacancy**

Catherine McKalip-Thompson from the Bethel Corporation was nominated to replace Sally. Fred made the motion, Steve seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **9. Updates from the Sustainability Office**

Lisa said she attended the Go Green Day at Life Technologies and it was a great success.

## **10. Sustainability Commission Work Plan**

The commission reviewed all sections of the work plan except for the green infrastructure / watershed conservation section. Priorities were identified by consensus. It was agreed that the remaining section would be reviewed in July with a final work plan to come together July / August.

## **11. Adjourn**

Fred made a motion to adjourn, Steve seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Minutes submitted by Fayne Lebherz

*Accepted on 7/14/2010 (Ugast, Roberts)*